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1. TWENTY-NINE DECEMBER PRAVDA EDITORIAL ARTICLE ON RECENT SUPREME SOVIET SESSION AND BERLIN ISSUE "REMINDING" WESTERN GENERALS THAT ~~THE~~ USSR POSSESSES ICBMS WHICH ARE "INVULNERABLE" CARRIERS OF THERMONUCLEAR WARHEADS. THIS WAS REPEATED IN ~~THE~~ BROADCAST TO BRITAIN ~~THE~~ FEW DAYS LATER.

2. IT SEEMS THAT PRAVDA WAS CITING ~~THE~~ STATEMENT BY MARSHAL SOKOLOVSKY AT ~~THE~~ SUPREME SOVIET SESSION. BUT ~~THE~~ MARSHAL'S STATEMENT, AS PUBLISHED IN PRAVDA AND BROADCAST, DID NOT INCLUDE ~~THE~~ CHARACTERIZATION "INVULNERABLE." FORTHCOMING REPORT ON SOVIET STATEMENTS CONCERNING ~~THE~~ VULNERABILITY OF ICBMS DEALS WITH PRAVDA'S APPARENT ADDITION TO SOKOLOVSKY'S STATEMENT.

3. NEED EXAMINATION OF SOVIET MILITARY PRESS BEGINNING ONE JANUARY--RED STAR, SOVIET FLEET, SOVIET AVIATION AND SOVIET PATRIOT--FOR ANY REFERENCES TO THE ICBM'S "INVULNERABILITY" OR RELATIVE INVULNERABILITY ON CONTINUING BASIS. FILE FYIS ON SUCH REFERENCES.

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